

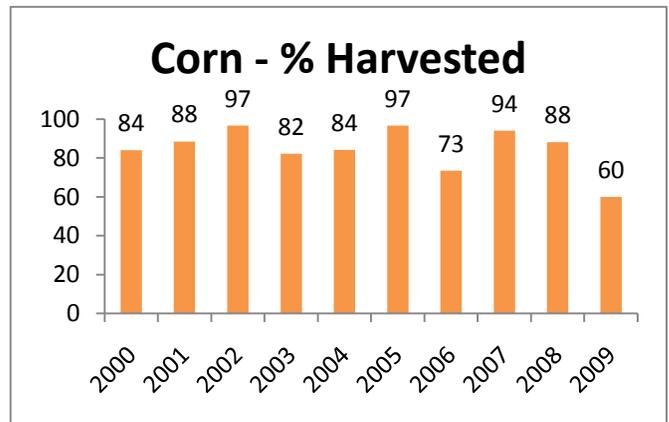


Michigan Crop Weather

Harvest Winding Down

Five days were suitable for fieldwork during the week ending November 22, according to the USDA, NASS, Michigan Field Office. Precipitation varied from .05 inch in the eastern Upper Peninsula to .38 inch in the west central Lower Peninsula. Average temperatures ranged from 4 to 6 degrees above normal. Favorable weather conditions for the week allowed harvest activities to advance at a steady pace, as growers wrapped up harvest of most crops for the season. There were reports of a few fields of soybeans remaining to be harvested. Although the unseasonably warm temperatures have helped to reduce the moisture in corn, it was still higher than normal. Despite the moisture content in corn, harvest continued. Some farmers will wait another week before harvesting. Farm activities included cleaning-up orchards, field crop harvest, and fall tillage.

As of November 22



Field Crops

Above normal temperatures and an absence of precipitation advanced the dry down and harvest of crops. **Corn** harvest continued as conditions permitted. Concerns of mold in the crop existed in the southwest and south central. Moisture levels dropped since last week but were still higher than desired. Lines at the elevator were still lengthy, and elevators closed early to allow the dryers to complete their drying cycles. **Sugarbeet** and **soybean** harvests were generally complete. The last of the 2010 **wheat** crop sprouted and germinated. In the southeast, however, there were concerns about the overwintering of the crop.

Soil moisture for week ending 11/22/09

Stratum	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	2	2	82	14
Subsoil	2	6	86	6

Crop progress for week ending 11/22/09

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, harvested	60	35	88	87
Winter wheat, emerged	96	83	100	94

Crop condition for week ending 11/22/09

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	6	17	24	36	17
Winter Wheat	1	5	25	57	12

Michigan Weather Summary for Week Ending 11/22/09 ¹

Station	Temperature			Cumulative growing degree days ²			Precipitation				
	Maximum	Minimum	Departure from normal	2009	2008	Normal	This week	Last two weeks	Last four weeks	Since April 1	Normal Since April 1